

MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District and the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

The Code of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District

3-7. (86-3-7 and 3-7)

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized[, when in its judgment it is deemed expedient or necessary] to plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate a system for the control and disposition of surface waters, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSION, within the limits of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, and for [such] THIS purpose, [said] THE commission is given all of the power and authority TO IMPLEMENT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, including the right to condemn, heretofore given it by law, in the construction and operation of its water and sewer system, and the right and authority to negotiate with any public agency and to make contracts with [such] THE agency, including the government of the United States or any bureau or department thereof; provided that on and after June 30, 1968 except as otherwise provided herein, THE above provisions shall not apply in Montgomery County, with the exception of that portion of the City of Takoma Park now situated in Montgomery County.

[3-8. (86-3-8 and 3-8)]

The said commission may determine, upon petition, or its own motion that one or more areas in the sanitary district, in the interest of the public health, welfare and safety is in need of a storm water or surface water drainage system. After having made said determination, the commission shall advertise in not less than two issues in any newspaper published in the county in which said drainage area lies, that the commission has determined to construct in the area determined upon, or a part thereof, a drainage system, giving in said advertisement the approximate cost and the general area affected, and advising those interested that a hearing will be held by the commission at a time and place named in said advertisement at which all interested parties will be heard. The Commission shall be prepared to exhibit at such hearing a plan for said drainage area or a part thereof, including the length and size of pipe and the approximate cost. If, after such hearing, the commission determines that the public health and welfare requires the construction of said system, it shall thereupon proceed with such construction, either by contract, publicly advertised or by its own force, or under its own supervision as it deems desirable and more economical; provided that on and after June 30, 1968, except as otherwise provided herein this section shall not apply in Montgomery County, with the exception of that portion of the City of Takoma Park now situated in Montgomery County.]